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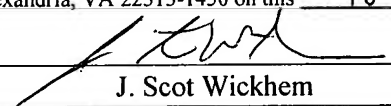
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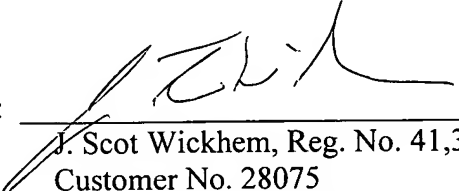

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Dear Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 with Twenty Nine (29) references.
- ☒ Copies of Two (2) non-U.S. patent references.
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the items of information listed on the attached PTO-1449 is hereby disclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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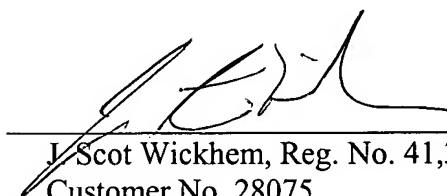
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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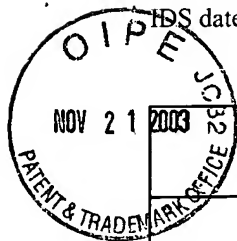
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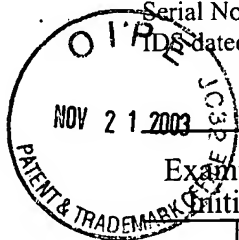
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